

Remarks:

In an Office Action dated May 25, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the application contains patentably distinct species:

Species I directed to figures 2 and 5; and

Species II directed to figures 3 and 6.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization, noting that the electrode shown in Fig. 5 is equally applicable to the printing fluid detectors of Figs. 2 and 3. As noted on page 10, lines 24-26 of applicant's originally-filed application, "[a]lthough the conductive coatings are described below in the context of electrode 32, it will be appreciated that the discussion also applies to electrodes 32', 32" and 32"" of Fig. 3."

Nevertheless, in view of the Examiner's indication that any reply to the Examiner's requirement "must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon," applicant has elected Species I with traverse. All pending claims (claims 5-9, 16, 18-22, 24 and 29) are included in the elected species

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

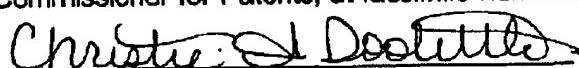
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